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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN
RECEIPT REQUESTED
NUMBER: 70101060000084854952**

Dear Ms. Fritz:

On October 13, 2012, I received your appeal (#13-03-00-0002-A215) of Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth's August 24, 2012, decision on Integrated Treatment of Noxious or Invasive Weeds on the Tonto National Forest. Your appeal was submitted in a timely manner according to the provisions of 36 CFR 215.6(a)(4).

However, while your appeal details your concerns regarding the use of herbicides, it does not describe how you believe the decision violates any specific law, regulation, or policy as required in an appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 215.14(b)(9). It is the appellant's responsibility to provide sufficient project or activity specific evidence and rationale, focusing on the decision, to show why the decision should be reversed [36 CFR 215.14(a)].

Without this information specifically articulated in your appeal, it would be difficult to render an appeal decision without considerable speculation and supposition regarding your concerns. Therefore, I am dismissing your appeal without review pursuant to 36 CFR 215.16(a)(8).

I appreciate your interest in this project and encourage you to continue to discuss your concerns regarding it with the staff on the Tonto National Forest.

This is the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture on your appeal [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

/s/ Gilbert Zepeda
GILBERT ZEPEDA
Appeal Deciding Officer, Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Neil Bosworth

